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For : STEEL BAR FOR STEERING RACK
 MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
 THE SAME, AND STEERING RACK
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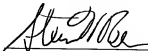
Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2).

Attached are copies of seven Japanese publications along with attached computer translations and/or English-language Abstracts. The relevance of four of these publications is discussed on page 2 in the specification, the other three publications are cited in the enclosed Japanese-language International Search Report. All of the publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents listed. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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